ber to 5th November, 1994 as the head of a high-level Indian Defence delegation. Important issues relating to Defence Technical Cooperation with Russia were discussed as also the problems with regard to supply of certain items of spares. Preliminary discussions were also held on supply of certain weapon systems. No agreement regarding the supply of latest Submarines, latest fighter aircrafts or tanks from Russia was signed with the Russian Authorities.

Development of advanced warning aircraft

1371. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position about the development of advanced warning aircraft;

(b) by what time the developmental work in this aircraft is expected to be completed and at what cost;

(c) whether the agency to be entrusted with the production of the aircraft has since been selected, if so, which is this agency and on what terms and conditions; and

(d) whether the production agency is being associated with the developmental activities, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No project has been sanctioned for development of advanced warning aircraft. Only certain R&D activities have been pursued for competence built-up in the areas of generic technologies.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

Leakage of information regarding Missile Project

1372. SHRI G Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any probe has been conducted into the leakage of strategic information regarding the Missile Project of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at the Naval and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) at Kakkanadu in Kochi during the last month;

(b) if so, its outcome;

(c) whether foreigners were also involved in this spy ring;

(d) the action taken against the Indian Space Research Organisation Scientists and their associates involved; and

(e) the remedial measures taken for future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The NPOL of the DRDO is not in any way involved in our Missile Programme.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Certain foreign nationals are suspected to be involved in collection of information regarding projects of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

(d) Two ISRO scientists, two foreign nationals and one more Indian national, suspected to be involved in leakage of information regarding ISRO projects have been arrested. Consequent on their arrest, the two ISRO scientists have been placed under suspension, pending further action.

(e) Steps have been initiated to review the existing security mechanisms in the Units of ISRO, Department of Space, for any corrective measures, which may become necessary.